



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado experienced warmer temperatures and received below average precipitation last week. The dry and warmer weather continued to improve some crop conditions in the northeastern region but drought conditions continue for the southern regions of the State. Farmers were allowed 6.5 days in the field for operations last week.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	11	31	54	4
Last Week	9	20	65	6
Last Year	6	23	70	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	24	58	3
Last Week	13	21	63	3
Last Year	6	22	71	1

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 97 percent ripe and harvest progressed rapidly to 80 percent harvested at the end of last week. Spring barley was 97 percent headed with 62 percent turning color. Barley harvest was reported at 11 percent complete and the crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition. Spring wheat was 44 percent turning color with 1 percent harvested by the end of last week. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition.

Row Crops: Corn was rated in mostly good condition with 18 percent silked by the end of the week. Sorghum was 24 percent headed and rated in mostly fair condition. Sugarbeets and onions were rated in mostly good condition. Summer and fall potatoes were rated in mostly fair to good condition. Sunflowers were rated in good to fair condition. Dry beans were 25 percent flowered and rated in fair to good condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 24, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	2	39	49	10
Last Year	0	1	19	71	9
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	16	47	30	7
Last Year	2	3	25	61	9

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions are quite variable and were rated in very poor to good condition across the State. Alfalfa harvest progressed to 54 percent of the 2nd cutting complete. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were still rated average for the State. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year. Producers in the southeastern region continue to reduce their herd numbers due to the poor range conditions and limited feed supplies.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 24, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	17	17	21	34	11
Prev. Year – 2010	1	10	37	41	11
5-Year Avg.	11	16	31	36	6

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending July 24, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Ripe	97	82	98	97
Harvested	80	53	81	82
Spring Barley				
Headed	97	93	100	99
Turning Color	62	41	53	67
Harvested	11	N/A	3	4
Spring Wheat				
Turning Color	44	26	51	51
Harvested	1	N/A	2	2
Corn				
Silked	18	7	40	41
Sorghum				
Headed	24	18	19	28
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	54	26	58	55
Dry Beans				
Flowered	25	N/A	51	49

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	2	23	62	13
Corn	3	3	29	57	8
Sorghum	4	13	58	22	3
Dry Onions	0	0	14	71	15
Alfalfa	0	10	26	51	13
Sunflowers	0	3	33	57	7
Dry Beans	0	0	60	37	3
Sugarbeets	0	0	19	65	16
Fall Potatoes	1	5	46	41	7
Summer Potatoes	0	2	35	56	7

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.